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1. Most of the military personnel stationed in Haeju (125-42, 38-02) had been moved out by the latter part of August 1950 for front line duty. The troops left in the city occupy the building formerly housing the Japanese Military Affairs Department. This structure, and the Haeju East and West Middle Schools, is a center for the training of two thousand Volunteer Army Personnel.

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2. Although some Haeju industrial plants were damaged by bombing, they have resumed operation, at least in part. The status of various plants is as follows:

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- a. The ammunition factory in West Haeju suffered about ten percent bomb damage and is undergoing rehabilitation. Other parts of the plant are in operation.

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- b. The cement factory in Haeju harbor is not operating.

- c. An iron foundry in Haeju harbor was damaged thirty percent by bombing but continued in operation. Production is being urged by a propaganda campaign based on the slogan "heroic production ratio."

- d. The Soson (West Korean) heavy industry plant is in operation.

3. Wooden boxes with Chinese labels arrive in Haeju harbor at night and are transhipped to Kanghwa Island (126-26, 37-42) and Inchon. Since the boxes are marked "Caution -- keep away from fire", they are believed to contain ammunition.

4. Ammunition supplies also arrive by rail from Sariwon (125-14, 38-30), Namchonjom (126-24, 38-20), and Hanpo-ri (126-28, 38-14) and are transferred to vessels at Kumchon (126-28, 38-10) and Chopo (unlocated) on the Yesong River for shipment to Inchon or Kimpo. Rail lines between Sariwon and Haeju are closed to civilian travel.

5. The people of Haeju, frightened by air attacks, have evacuated forty per- cent of the city to the Changyon (125-06, 38-16) and Rimok (? Imok-tong).

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126-02, 38-24) or Sinwon-ri (125-44, 38-12) areas. Rumors are current that the United Nations forces will land at Haeju soon, and the majority of the citizens anticipate the defeat of North Korea.

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